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KEEP AWAY FROM TEMPTATION.

My boy, keep away from temptation. It may conquer you ere you think; 'Tis a perilous thing to daily And toy with the demon drink. Many stronger than you have tarried, They were safe and secure they thought Yet they yielded one fatal moment, And wide-spread ruin was wrought. So keep away from temptation, 'Tis your safest plan, my dear son: Do not allow your life's fair record To be marred by one ill deed begun. For there's nothing but sorrow follows In the wake of man's first drink. Do not take the first step, it may plunge Down every temptation's brink. —Charlotte Archer-Raney.

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EXPORTS FOR 1903.

The calendar year 1903 and the month of December 1903, showed, respectively, the highest record of annual and monthly exports from the United States. The year's export figures, as presented by the Department of Commerce and Labor, through its Bureau of Statistics, were \$1,484,688,127, and those of the month of December \$174,734,868. The highest preceding record for any calendar year was that of 1900, when the total exports were \$1,477,946,113; and this highest preceding record for a single month was that of October 1900, when the total was \$168,389,680.

It was not until October, 1891, that the exports of any month reached as much as 100 million dollars, and it was not until 1896 that the exports of any calendar year reached as much as one billion dollars. During the four months of October, November, and December, 1891, and January, 1892, exports were for the first time above the 100 million dollar line, but in February, 1892, dropped again below that line, and so continued until near the close of 1896, when October, November, and December again passed, respectively, the 100 million dollar line. From that time forward monthly exports in excess of 100 million dollars were frequent, and from August, 1899, to the present time they have never fallen below 100 millions, except in the midsummer months of June, July, and August of 1902 and 1903, respectively.

The annual exportation nearly reached the one billion dollar line in 1891 and 1892, being in 1891 970 millions, and in 1892, 988 millions, but dropped to 876 millions in 1893, 825 millions in 1894, 824 millions in 1895, barely crossing the one billion dollar line in 1896, but moving steadily and rapidly forward since that date. Comparing conditions in 1903 with those of comparatively recent years, it may be said that the total exports in 1903 exceeded those of 1891 by 53 per cent and those of 1896 by 80 per cent. Extending the study still farther back, it may be said the exports of 1903 were, in round terms, double those of 1888, two and half times those 1878, four times those of 1869.

Owing to the very marked decrease in imports in December, which month showed a fall of about 17 millions, as compared with December of the preceding year, the total of imports did not touch the billion-dollar line as had been expected, but was within about 41 million dollars of that sum, being \$956,478,101. This leaves the table of calendar years without a billion-dollar record up to this time, though the fiscal-year statement did show more than one billion dollars of imports in the year ending June 30, 1903.

A comparison of conditions in the foreign commerce of the United States in 1903 with those of 1893 shows that the imports of 1903 exceeded those of 1893 by 219 millions, and that the export of 1903 exceeded those of 1893 by 688 millions. Carrying the comparison still farther back, it is found that the imports of 1903 exceeded those of 1869 by 308 millions, and the exports of 1903 exceeded those of 1869 by 689 millions. A comparison with 1873 shows that imports of 1903 exceeded

those of 1873 by 400 millions, and the exports of 1903 exceeded those of 1873 by 917 millions. Thus imports increased 161 per cent from 1873 to 1903, while the exports increased 161 per cent during the same period.

Year.	Imports, dollars.	Exports, dollars.
1873	595,248,48	567,757,867
1883	687,66,216	795,369,316
1893	776,248,924	876,108,781
1903	995,478,101	1,484,688,127

All the above figures it should be understood, relate to calendar-year imports and exports, the year ending December 31, and not in any case to the fiscal year ending June 30.

The following table shows the total exports of the United States in each calendar year from 1890 to 1903:

Calendar year.	Total exports, dollars.
1890	857,592,548
1891	970,509,646
1892	988,420,663
1893	876,108,781
1894	875,102,248
1895	824,86,136
1896	1,005,847,411
1897	1,099,709,045
1898	1,275,516,266
1899	1,275,477,971
1900	1,477,946,113
1901	1,465,575,860
1902	1,365,685,933
1903	1,484,688,127

The Houston Church.

I write you this epistle to inform you of the faithful work of the members of the Houston Baptist church, Muir, Ky., and other friends of good work in that vicinity during my pastorate. I took charge of that church last September one year ago, when things seemed somewhat gloomy and by the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the faithful assistance of the deacons we succeeded in getting Zion en route to success. Quite a number of the members fell in line and endeavored to do all they could to foster the much needed work in that section. Many have been restored, several by water, five by baptism, indeed the Lord has blessed our efforts with much joyful success so much that we entered this year without owing a cent to any one.

We raised during the year \$476.42; repaired our church; painted the pews, wainscot and ceiling; built two new chimneys; bought two new stoves and done other things honorable for the cause. The good people of that district under the supervision of brother Edwards a deacon of the church and trustee of the public school, built a very nice school house in the church yard which is a credit to him and the people there, and they have a teacher that can not be excelled. I have not a large membership there but have the kind. Our membership is about 200. I am a very poor preacher I think yet the church has honored me with another call for this year and in the near future they will give me a reception in behalf of D. D. that was conferred on me by the National Corresponding College, of Vincennes, Ind. I am working for the Lord with all my might and hope you all will pray God to crown my efforts with success.

The people of Houston did not forget me during the Christmas, they gave me sugar, coffee, flour, chickens, butter, eggs, preserves, money and other good things too numerous to mention for which I am indeed thankful and hope Santa Claus will call again in the near future. I have one of the best churches to sit in the state. May the Lord bless the christian work exceedingly this year in Kentucky and that all the Baptist of this State help our Moderator to raise \$5,000.00 in August at Winchester. I will do all I can for my Lord.

Yours for Christ
A. W. HARRIS
Midway, Ky.

NEW ERA INSTITUTE.

Rev. R. E. Butler, Missionary for the Eastern District, will hold New Era Institutes as follows:

First Church, Georgetown 27 Nov. 28 and 29.
First Church, Paris, Dec. 16th 17th and 18th.
Broadway, Winchester, Dec. 28th 30th and 31st.

Pastors, Ministers and Sunday-school teachers, deacons and all christians workers are urged to attend and assist in the great work of building up our Master's kingdom. Bring your Bibles with you.

RAMBLING.

A Visit to Washington City and the Home of Rambler's Boyhood.

An important meeting of the Executive Committee of the Afro-American Council in December afforded Rambler the opportunity for a visit to Washington City and it proved to be very pleasant occasion in every respect.

Leaving home on a morning train on the C. & O. R. R. the journey was completed without a peculiar incident. Arriving in Washington early the next morning Rambler found his way to Porter's Exchange Hotel where he found several members of the committee domiciled. After this short while was spent with editor E. E. Cooper at the office of the Colored American. Brother Cooper is almost a genuine Kentuckian, having married one of its most lovely girls some years ago and in that way has established a relation which Kentuckians are always willing to recognize. Beside this the Colored American is one of our best race journals and fills a unique place in that field. Before the meeting of the committee Rambler called upon a few friends and made himself at home. The meetings of the committee have already been reported in your columns and need not be repeated. In the evening Rambler wended his way to the Kentucky colony where he received his usual cordial welcome. Even little Sarah and Willie Davis kept their eyes open until a late hour to greet us and in many ways added to the pleasure of our visit. Both of them are chips off the old block. The suffrage convention received some of Rambler's attention as it was in session during part of the time. It was no as large a gathering as was expected and it was fearfully and wonderfully made. The suffrage question seemed to be a secondary matter with the convention and many other objects received more attention. Most of the business was conducted behind closed doors an unusual proceeding and even with that precaution the convention split upon a question about which there should not have been any lot of difference among colored people. One evening during Rambler's visit he enjoyed a delightful dinner in company with Mr. W. H. Davis at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby J. Davidson. They have a lovely home and a lovely family. Mr. Davidson is an old State University boy and went to Washington some years ago where he has had a position in the Government service. He also studied law and holds a diploma from the law department of Howard University.

Another evening Mr. W. H. Wright, formerly an attaché of your paper, who is living in Washington, gave Rambler an elaborate supper in one of the best restaurants in the city. Sunday was a busy day with Rambler and he had his hands full from early morn to dewy eve. It rained in the morning, but cleared off about 9 o'clock and was a lovely day. Rambler always goes to Sunday School, so he spent an hour at Vermont Ave. Sunday School and then got to Berean Sunday School at the close. Both Sunday Schools were lively and interesting. Rambler worshipped at the Berean church and heard an enjoyable sermon from Rev. Rivers the earnest pastor of the church. Rev. W. R. Pettiford, D. D., of Birmingham assisted in the services. At the conclusion of the sermon the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered and we witnessed something new under the sun. Many members of the church quietly excused themselves and the ordinance was administered to those who remained and not a word was spoken except in prayer during its observance. In the afternoon Rambler visited the Sunday School of the Episcopal church of which our young friend Mr. H. P. Slaughter is Superintendent and spent a few minutes profitably, and then went to the lyceum which meets at the second Baptist church every Sunday afternoon. There was the usual good attendance and the paper and the discussions were both interesting. The Lord's Supper was also administered at this church at the afternoon service. On Monday evening Rambler witnessed an exhibition in the church which was one of the best he has ever seen. Sunday evening Rambler heard a splendid sermon from Dr. George W. Lee at the Vermont Ave. church. It was one of the shortest sermons Rambler ever heard Dr. Lee preach and still it was one of the most eloquent. Rambler also spent a few minutes at the Lovely Zion Baptist church, Rev. S. G. Lampkins pastor. This was enough for one day and Rambler was perfectly willing

to slumber without any rocking. One of the most enjoyable features of this stay was the time spent in visiting the Manual Training School under the principalship of Dr. Bruce Evans, a most congenial and efficient instructor. This visit was made in company with Mr. W. H. Davis who was no less pleased than your scribe. This is one of the handsomest school buildings Rambler has ever seen and it is a model in equipment and work. The pupils are instructed in blacksmithing, machine and wood work, typewriting, millinery, dressmaking and cooking and they seemed to be delighted with the instruction. The individual lockers of iron for the use of pupils is an excellent arrangement. They are made open for perfect ventilation and each pupil places wraps, books, umbrellas, etc. where they are perfectly secure as only one person has the combination. Rambler is at a loss to understand how so much hostility could be developed in a city against industrial training, that fosters and patronizes such a magnificent training school as this. To a man up a tree it looks as if something aside to industrial training is behind this sentiment. During the week Rambler had the pleasure of meeting many old friends among whom were Mr. J. H. Merriweather and family, Mrs. J. A. Simmons and family, the Watsons, Ficklings, Weeden, Houstons, Slaughters, Davis and others. Mrs. Charles R. Davis of Cincinnati was a guest of the Merriweathers. Mr. Fickling who was head waiter at the Galt House in Louisville years ago, is now connected with the war museum in Washington and showed Rambler through that institution admiring much to his fund of general information. Rambler had the pleasure of meeting President Roosevelt in company with other members of the Executive Committee of the Afro-American Council Saturday morning and discussing some questions of interest to the race. An hour was also spent in a pleasant interview with Hon. John W. Yerkes, Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Mr. Yerkes is also the member of the National Republican Committee from Kentucky and is much interested in affairs in that state.

Rambler is under special obligations to Messrs. Cyrus Field Adams, H. P. Slaughter, W. H. Wright, W. H. and Leslie G. Davis for kindness shown during this visit which added much to his profit and pleasure.

Returning home Rambler accepted an invitation from Rev. B. J. Davis to visit Brandenburg, Ky., one day during the holidays. Saturday December 26th was the day selected and it was one of the coldest and most disagreeable days of the winter. The road from the railroad station to the town the day before was 18 inches of mud and this particular day it was frozen hard and in ridges about five inches deep. It was actually so rough that a person could hardly remain on a seat in a mail wagon in making the journey which required about one and a half hours to make the three and a half miles. Rambler was born in this town a few years ago and spent several years of his boyhood there amidst its hills and valleys. Well the day was pleasantly spent and especially was this true of the church meeting which was held during the afternoon. Returning in the afternoon Rambler had the pleasure of waiting two hours at the station for a delayed train. Many amusing experience could be related of this trip which will have to be made at another time.

RAMBLER.

Doing the Right Thing.

The trouble begins with a tickling in the throat and a nagging little cough. Soreness in the chest follows and the wonders if he is going to have an all winter cold. Probably, if he does the wrong thing or nothing. Certainly not if he uses Perry Davis' Painkiller, the staunch old remedy that cures a cold in twenty-four hours. There is but one Painkiller, Perry Davis'.

NEW ERA INSTITUTE.

We hope to hold Institute beginning January 1904 as follows:—
Henderson, Norris Chapel, January 6-8.
Paducah, First Ward, January 20-22.
Earlington, February, 2-5.
Bowling Green, New Bethel, February 17-19.
Elizabethtown, March 9-11.
Hopkinsville, Main Street, March 23-25.
Owensboro, April 6-8.
Louisville, April 20-22.
Franklin, Elevator, May 4-6.
Dixon, May 18-20.

We hope that the pastors and brethren in the above named places will get together and arrange to make the meeting a success. It can be done, and if they decide that it must be done, it will be done. The programme, as arranged is first class and the people could have the benefit of each lecture. This programme is being used all over the state among the Baptist white and black. The Lord bless the work.

I am Yours in Service,
P. H. KENNEDY,
Gen'l Missionary.

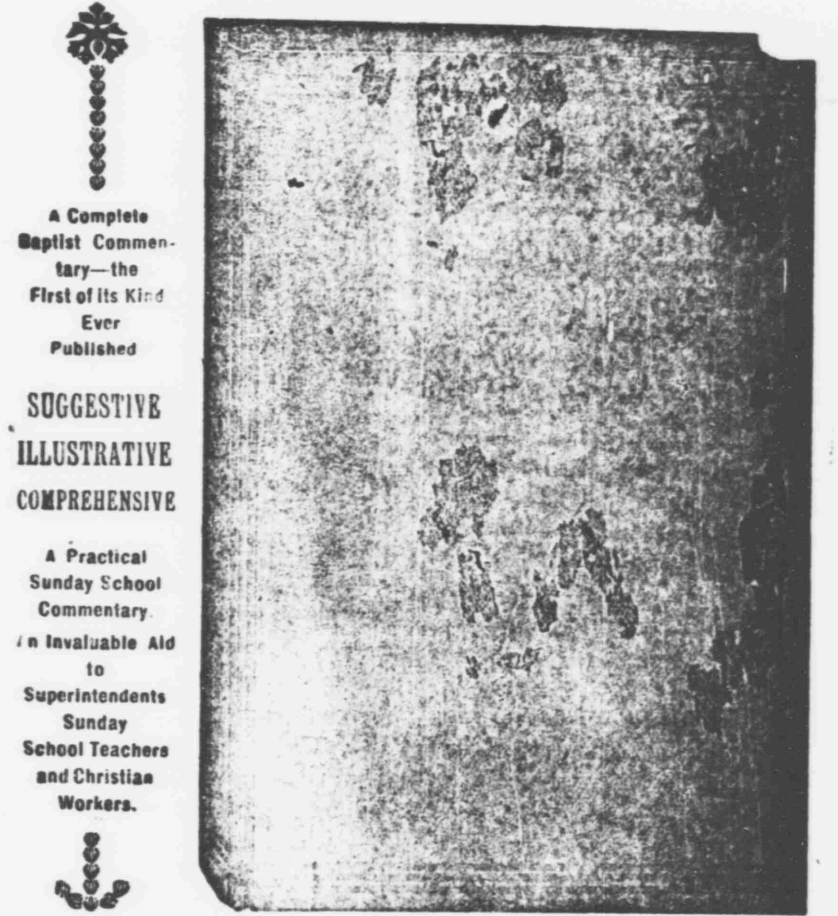
Henderson, Ky.

A Word to the Baptist Brotherhood of Kentucky.

We are not like a great many others who are always speaking through the papers, although we enjoy reading the writings of our brethren and friends. We have two things about which we wish to speak in this article:

First:—I want to call the attention of the Baptist host throughout the state to the fact that Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D. has been selected delegate to the World National Sunday-School Convention, which shall convene in Jerusalem March 8th. He is calling upon the Baptist

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Louisville, Calvary,	\$5.00.
Louisville, Calvary, Sunday School	\$2.00.

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Owenton Baptist church	\$1.25
Mayslick	1.00
Brandenburg	.51
Middlesboro	1.65
Louisville, 9th street,	3.00
" Zen	1.75

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